G*a*Sæs&: 2399kap98.9252ATA Dd2:db21-5 Fillēdle013126269923 Enflentedle013126269923210610638 De**Se**sc Exhibit E - Complaint Delorpsent 09 Apro1252-16 Page 1 of 16 **FILED** Brett A. Baer, SBN 212992 1 Doan Law Firm, LLP MAR 26 2009 2850 Pio Pico Drive, Suite D 2 Carlsbad, CA 92008 Phone (760) 450-3333 3 CLERK U.S. BANKRUPTCY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA Fax (760) 720-6082 baerb@doanlaw.com 4 5 Attorneys for Jeff Beier 6 UNITED STATES BANKRUPTCY COURT 7 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA, SANTA ANA DIVISION 8 Chapter 13 JEFFREY SCOTT BEIER 9 Case No: 8:09-bk-11124-TA 10 Plaintiff, Adv No: 11 VS. COMPLAINT TO 12 **OUIET TITLE AND** SEEKING MONETARY MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC 13 REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS), DAMAGES, STATUTORY DAMAGES, PUNITIVE COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC. 14 COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS DAMAGES, INJUNCTIVE SERVICING, L.P., WELLS FARGO DOCUMENT CUSTODY, and Does 1 thru RELIEF, AND DECLARATORY 15 RELIEF 50 inclusive., 16 17 Defendants. JURY TRIAL DEMANDED 18 19 20 I.
INTRODUCTION 21 JEFFREY SCOTT BEIER ("BEIER") brings this Lawsuit against 22 1. MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS), 23 COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., ("CHL"), COUNTRYWIDE HOME 24 LOANS SERVICING, L.P.,("CHLS"), WELLS FARGO DOCUMENT 25 CUSTODY ("WF"), and DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, collectively 26 referred to as "Defendants," for its unlawful and unfair collection 27 practices. 28 Page 1 of 14

Exhibit E

7

10 11

13 14

15

12

16 17

19 20

18

21

22

23

24

25 26 27

28

BEIER seeks actual economic and non-economic damages, punitive 2. damages, statutory damages, attorney fees, costs, injunctive, and declaratory relief.

### II. JURISDICTION

- Jurisdiction is conferred on this Court pursuant to the provisions of 28 3. USC 1334 in that this proceeding arises from and is related to the above captioned underlying bankruptcy case under Title 11.
- This Court has subject matter jurisdiction to hear this case pursuant to 4. 28 USC 1334 and 28 USC 157(b)(1), (2)(0), respectively.
- This matter is primarily a core proceeding under 28 U.S.C. 157 and 5. therefore the Bankruptcy Court has jurisdiction to enter a final order.
- Venue lies in this District pursuant to 28 USC 1391(b). 6.
- This adversary is proper in that it seeks injunctive, equitable, 7. declaratory, and monetary relief per FRBP 7001(1), FRBP 7001(7), and FRBP 7001(9).

- BEIER, at all times relevant, owns real estate at 10 Tucson, Coto De 8. Caza, CA 92679("Residence").
- BEIER is a "debtor" as defined by California Civil Code 1788.2(h) and 9. 11 USC 101(13).
- MORTGAGE ELECTRONIC REGISTRATION SYSTEMS, INC. (MERS) is a 10. business entity doing business in Orange County, California, and alleges it has a claim against property of the estate as a creditor defined by 11 USC 101(10)(B).

11. COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS, INC., ("CHL"), is a business entity doing business in Orange County, California, and alleges it has a claim against property of the estate as a creditor defined by 11 USC 101(10)(B).

- 12. COUNTRYWIDE HOME LOANS SERVICING, L.P.,("CHLS"), is a business entity doing business in Orange County, California, and alleges it has a claim against property of the estate as a creditor defined by 11 USC 101(10)(B).
- 13. WELLS FARGO DOCUMENT CUSTODY ("WF") is a business entity doing business in Orange County, California, and alleges it has a claim against property of the estate as a creditor defined by 11 USC 101(10)(B).
- 14. The true names and capacities, whether individual, corporate (including officers and directors thereof), associate or otherwise of Defendants sued herein as DOES 1 through 50, inclusive, are unknown to BEIER, who therefore sue these Defendants by such fictitious names. BEIER is informed, believes, and allege that each Defendant designated as a DOE is involved in or is in some manner responsible as a principal, beneficiary, agent, dual agent, co-conspirator, joint venturer, alter ego, third party beneficiary, or otherwise, for the agreements, transactions, events and/or acts hereinafter described, and thereby proximately caused injuries and damages to Plaintiff. BEIER requests that when the true names and capacities of these DOE Defendants are ascertained, they may be inserted in all subsequent proceedings, and that this action may proceed against them under their true names.
- 15. The purported debt which Defendants attempted to collect from BEIER was a "consumer debt" as defined by California Civil Code §1788.2(f),

Page 4 of 14

representation and contested the enforceability of the Note.

28

- 27. On September 9, 2008, DOAN LAW FIRM, LLP advised CHL that litigation would commence unless the enforceability of the Note was resolved.
- 28. The September 9, 2008 correspondence was again faxed to CHL on 9/10/08 and 9/23/08.
- 6 29. CHL never responded.
  - 30. BEIER, through counsel, has made numerous requests that Defendants produce the original Note.
    - 31. BEIER, through counsel, has made numerous requests that Defendants provide the name and address of the Owner of the Note.
    - 32. BEIER, through counsel, has made numerous requests that Defendants provide the name and address of the Holder of the Note.
  - 33. Notwithstanding multiple relief of stay hearings, the inability to provide proof of the ability to foreclose, and the lack of response to counsel, BEIER purposely stipulated to a limited relief of stay provided proof of the ability to foreclosure was provided to BEIER within 30 days.
  - 34. On November 17, 2008, an order for Relief of Stay was entered, conditional only if MERS disclosed "the identity of the note holder to the Debtor and provide documentation that it holds the note within thirty days of entry of the Order."
  - 35. For the next thirty days, numerous correspondence took place between BEIER's counsel and MERS' counsel, demanding compliance with the Court Order to avoid an Order to Show Cause from being filed.
  - 36. The thirty days expired on December 17, 2008 and MERS failed to comply with the Court Order.
- 27 37. On December 18, 2008 counsel for CHL then sent counsel for BEIER a quick letter alleging that WF was the note holder. Strangely, counsel

Page 6 of 14

Upon information and belief, BEIER alleges that MERS, CHL, CHLS, and

WF do not know who are the Holders of the Note.

WF are not the Holders of the Note.

26

27

28

50.

SECOND CAUSE OF ACTION: INABILITY TO ENFORCE THE NOTE JUDICIALLY OR NON-JUDICIALLY CAL COM CODE 3301

2 3

6

7

8

9

10

11

12

13

14

15

16

17

18

19

20

21

22

23

24

25

26

27

28

1

- BEIER realleges and incorporates by reference the above paragraphs 4 61. as though set forth fully herein. 5
  - The Note is a negotiable instrument pursuant to California Commercial 62. Code 3104(a).
    - A note is personal property and the deed of trust securing a note is a 63. mere incident of the debt it secures, with no separable ascertainable market value. Ca Civ Code 657, 663. Kirby v. Palos Verdes Escrow Co. 183 Cal. App. 3d 57, 62.
    - A fundamental feature of negotiable instruments is that they are 64. transferred by the delivery of possession, not by contract or assignment. In re Kang Jin Hwang, 396 B.R. 757.
    - The right to enforce a negotiable instrument such as a Note is only 65. transferable by delivery of the instrument itself. California Commercial Code § 3203.
    - "A mortgagee's purported assignment of the mortgage without an 66. assignment of the debt which is secured is a legal nullity." Kelley v. Upshaw (1952) 39 Cal 2d 179, 246 P2d 23, 1952 Cal LEXIS 248.
    - California Commercial Code § 3301 only allows enforcement of the 67. Note by possession, either as a holder or nonholder in possession with holder rights:
      - "Person entitled to enforce" an instrument means

        - the **holder** of the instrument, a **nonholder in possession** of the instrument who has the rights of a holder, or
        - a person not in possession of the instrument who is (c) entitled to enforce the instrument pursuant to Section 3309 or subdivision (d) of Section 3418. A person may be a person entitled to enforce the instrument even though the person is not the owner of the instrument or is in wronaful possession of the instrument.

Page 8 of 14

- 68. Defendants are not holders of the Note.
- 69. Defendants are not nonholders in possession of the Note with holder rights.
- 70. Defendants are not in possession of the instrument with the ability to enforce the instrument pursuant to Section 3309 or subdivision (d) of Section 3418.
- 71. Defendants have no enforceable right to enforce the Note pursuant to California Commercial Code 3301.
- 72. California Code of Civil Procedure 725(a) and 726 provide for judicial foreclosures, where as California Civil Code 2924, et seq, provides for non-judicial foreclosures.
- 73. Defendants are unable to proceed with a judicial foreclosure under California Code of Civil Procedure 726 since they lack the ability to enforce the underlying Note.
- 74. Defendants are unable to proceed with a non-judicial foreclosure since their inability to enforce the note can not trigger any "breach of the obligation" per California Civil Code 2924(a).
- 75. BEIER is entitled to Declaratory Relief finding that the Defendants can not comply with Commercial Code 3301 and likewise can not foreclose judicially or non-judicially.

# THIRD CAUSE OF ACTION: VIOLATION OF RFDCPA CAL CIV CODE § 1788.17

- 76. BEIER realleges and incorporates by reference the above paragraphs as though set forth fully herein.
- 77. California Civil Code Section § 1788.17 requires that Defendants comply with the provisions of 15 USC § 1692, with a few exceptions not relevant here.

5 6

7

8 9 10

11 12

13 14

15 16

18 19

17

20 21

22

23 24

26

25

27

28

- 15 U.S.C. § 1692f(6) provides the following acts are unlawful; 78. Taking or threatening to take any nonjudicial action to effect dispossession or disablement of property if
  - there is no present right to possession of the property (A)claimed as collateral through an enforceable security interest:
- 15 U.S.C. § 1692f(1) provides the following acts are unlawful; 79. The collection of any amount (including any interest, fee, charge, or expense incidental to the principal obligation) unless such amount is expressly authorized by the agreement creating the debt or permitted by law.
- Defendants attempts to foreclose on BEIER's residence violated 15 80. U.S.C.§ 1692(f)(6) and § 1692(f)(1).
- The foregoing violations of 15 USC § 1692(f)(6) and § 1692(f)1 by 81. Defendants result in violations of California Civil Code Section § 1788.17.
- The forgoing acts by Defendants were willful and knowing violations of 82. Title 1.6C of the California Civil Code (RFDCPA), are sole and separate violations under California Civil Code Section § 1788.30(b), and trigger multiple \$1,000.00 penalties.
- California Civil Code Section 1788.17 provides that Defendants are 83. subject to the remedies of 15 USC § 1692(k) for failing to comply with the provisions of 15 USC  $\S$  1692(f)(6) and  $\S$  1692(f)1.
- The forgoing acts by Defendants were intentional, persistent, frequent, 84. and devious violations of 15 USC § 1692, which trigger additional damages of \$1,000.00 under 15 USC § 1692(k)(a)(2)(A).

5 6

8

9

7

10

12

11

13 14

15

16 17

18 19

20 21

22 23

24

25

26 27

28

### **FOURTH CAUSE OF ACTION:** VIOLATION OF FDCPA 15 USC 1692

- BEIER realleges and incorporates by reference the above paragraphs 85. as though set forth fully herein.
- 15 U.S.C. § 1692f(6) provides the following acts are unlawful; 86. Taking or threatening to take any nonjudicial action to effect dispossession or disablement of property if
  - there is no present right to possession of the property (A)claimed as collateral through an enforceable security interest;
- 15 U.S.C. § 1692f(1) provides the following acts are unlawful; 87. The collection of any amount (including any interest, fee, charge, or expense incidental to the principal obligation) unless such amount is expressly authorized by the agreement creating the debt or permitted by law.
- Defendants attempts to foreclose on BEIER's residence violated 15 88. U.S.C.§ 1692(f)(6) and § 1692(f)(1).
- Defendants are subject to the remedies of 15 USC § 1692(k) for failing 89. to comply with the provisions of 15 USC § 1692(f)(6) and § 1692(f)1.
- The forgoing acts by Defendants were intentional, persistent, frequent, 90. and devious violations of 15 USC § 1692, which trigger damages of \$1,000.00 under 15 USC § 1692(k)(a)(2)(A).

### FIFTH CAUSE OF ACTION: **VIOLATION OF CIVIL CODE §1708**

- BEIER realleges and incorporates by reference the above paragraphs as 91. though set forth fully herein.
- California Civil Code 1708 provides "every person is bound, without 92.

26

27

28

## LIBEL

BEIER realleges and incorporates by reference the above paragraphs as 99. though set forth fully herein.

- 3
- 4 5
- 6 7
- 8 9
- 10
- 11 12

13

14 15

16 17

18

19

20

21 22

23 24

25

26

28

27

- 100. The conduct of Defendants constitutes libel that tends to defame, disparage, and injure BEIER in his business and reputation and has also caused pain and suffering.
- 101. Such libel has occurred on a continuing basis from improper credit reporting from the date of discharge to present.
- 102. Such libel has occurred when foreclosure proceedings were published by defendants who have no relationship to BEIER.
- 103. As a result of Defendants' acts and omissions, BEIER has been injured in an amount yet to be ascertained.
- 104. The conduct of these Defendants as alleged herein was willful, fraudulent, malicious, and oppressive. As a result, BEIER requests an award of punitive damages.

### VI. PRAYERS FOR RELIEF

WHEREFORE, BEIER having set forth the claims for relief against Defendants, respectfully prays that this Court grant the following relief against the Defendants:

- Ouiet title; 1.
- For a declaration of the rights of the parties relative to BEIER 2. Residence, including a declaration that Defendants have no enforceable lien against BEIER Residence;
- Actual Economic and Non-Economic Damages; 3.
- For exemplary and punitive damages; 4.
- Statutory damages per California Civil Code 1785.31 and 1788.30; 5.
- Costs and reasonable attorney's fees pursuant to California Civil Code 6. §1717; California Civil Code 1788.30; California Civil Code 1785.31; 15 USC 1692(k); and

© aCsas &: 2399 kat p9892572 ATA Doto of 217-5 Fillettle 0/312620923 Entertede 0/31262092821076107638 Detaes c

## Ca(Sacs8c: 283919)ka(1)98.1928512ATA Da(1)201217-5 Filleidle(1)31.226206923 Enffentedle(1)31.226206922821.0761.07638 Da(1)3esc Exhibit E - Compulsion Ladovensant 09-lapgel 1.2520 fT146 Page 1.5 of 1.6

FORM B104 (08/07)

2007 USBC, Central District of California

ADVERSARY PROCEEDING COVER SHEE (Instructions on Page 2)	T ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NUMBER (Court Use Only)			
PLAINTIFFS Jeffrey Scott Beier	DEFENDANTS  Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. (MERS), Countrywide Home Loans, Inc., Countrywide Home Loans			
ATTORNEYS (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone No.) Brett A. Baer, Doan Law Firm LLP 2850 Pio Pico Drive, Suite D, Carlsbad, CA 92008 (760) 450-3333	ATTORNEYS (If Known)			
PARTY (Check One Box Only)  ☑ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin	PARTY (Check One Box Only)  □ Debtor □ U.S. Trustee/Bankruptcy Admin  ☑ Creditor □ Other			
□ Creditor □ Other □ Trustee	☑ Creditor □ Other □ Trustee			
CAUSE OF ACTION (WRITE A BRIEF STATEMENT OF CAUSE OF ACTION Complaint to Quiet Title and Seeking Monetary Damages, Statutory Relief	Damages, Punitive Damages, injurictive Neiler and Declaratory			
NATURE OF SUIT  (Number up to five (5) boxes starting with lead cause of action as 1, first alternative cause as 2, second alternative cause as 3, etc.)				
FRBP 7001(1) – Recovery of Money/Property  11-Recovery of money/property - §542 turnover of property	FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability (continued)  61-Dischargeability - §523(a)(5), domestic support			
12-Recovery of money/property - §547 preference	68-Dischargeability - §523(a)(6), willful and malicious injury 63-Dischargeability - §523(a)(8), student loan			
13-Recovery of money/property - §548 fraudulent transfer	64-Dischargeability - §523(a)(15), divorce or separation obligation (other than domestic support)			
14-Recovery of money/property - other	65-Dischargeability - other			
FRBP 7001(2) - Validity, Priority or Extent of Lien	FRBP 7001(7) – Injunctive Relief			
21-Validity, priority or extent of lien or other interest in property	71-Injunctive relief – imposition of stay  72-Injunctive relief – other			
FRBP 7001(3) – Approval of Sale of Property  31-Approval of sale of property of estate and of a co-owner - §363(h)	FRBP 7001(8) Subordination of Claim or Interest			
FRBP 7001(4) - Objection/Revocation of Discharge	81-Subordination of claim or interest			
41-Objection / revocation of discharge - §727(c),(d),(e)	FRBP 7001(9) Declaratory Judgment 91-Declaratory judgment			
FRBP 7001(5) – Revocation of Confirmation  51-Revocation of confirmation	FRBP 7001(10) Determination of Removed Action  01-Determination of removed claim or cause			
FRBP 7001(6) – Dischargeability  66-Dischargeability - §523(a)(1),(14),(14A) priority tax claims  62-Dischargeability - §523(a)(2), false pretenses, false representation, actual fraud  67-Dischargeability - §523(a)(4), fraud as fiduciary, embezzlement, larceny	Other  SS-SIPA Case – 15 U.S.C. §§78aaa et.seq.  02-Other (e.g. other actions that would have been brought in state court if unrelated to bankruptcy case)			
(continued next column)				
☐ Check if this case involves a substantive issue of state law	☐ Check if this is asserted to be a class action under FRCP 23			
☐ Check if a jury trial is demanded in complaint	Demand \$			
Other Relief Sought	RECEIVED MAR 26 2009			

CLERK ES BANKRUPT CY COURT CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFE ROME BY

### Casasa: 2399ka1p9892572ATA Dolo old 21-5 Filleide01312620923 Entertede01312620921821076107638 Debsesc Exhibit E - Compulsimit Podovensant 09-Page0212620+1726 Page 16 of 16

FORM B104 (08/07), page 2

2007 USBC, Central District of California

BANKRUPTCY CASE IN WHICH THIS ADVERSARY PROCEEDING ARISES					
NAME OF DEBTOR		BAN	BANKRUPTCY CASE NO.		
Jeffrey Scott Beier			8:09-bk-11124		
DISTRICT IN WHICH CASE IS PENDING		IVISIONAL OFFICE NAI		NAME OF JUDGE	
Central District of California		Santa Ana			
RELATED ADVERSARY PROCEEDING (IF ANY)					
PLAINTIFF	DEFENDANT		ADVERSARY PROCEEDING NO.		
Jeffrey Scott Beier	Murtgag	· Electronic Systems line of			
		DIVISIONAL OFFICE		NAME OF JUDGE	
Central District					
SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF)					
DATE PRINT NAME OF ATTORNEY (OR PLAINTIFF) Brett A. Baer				TIFF)	

#### **INSTRUCTIONS**

The filing of a bankruptcy case creates an "estate" under the jurisdiction of the bankruptcy court which consists of all of the property of the debtor, wherever that property is located. Because the bankruptcy estate is so extensive and the jurisdiction of the court so broad, there may be lawsuits over the property or property rights of the estate. There also may be lawsuits concerning the debtor's discharge. If such a lawsuit is filed in a bankruptcy court, it is called an adversary proceeding.

A party filing an adversary proceeding must also must complete and file Form 104, the Adversary Proceeding Cover Sheet, unless the party files the adversary proceeding electronically through the court's Case Management/Electronic Case Filing system (CM/ECF). (CM/ECF captures the information on Form 104 as part of the filing process.) When completed, the cover sheet summarizes basic information on the adversary proceeding. The clerk of court needs the information to process the adversary proceeding and prepare required statistical reports on court activity.

The cover sheet and the information contained on it do not replace or supplement the filing and service of pleadings or other papers as required by law, the Bankruptcy Rules, or the local rules of court. The cover sheet, which is largely self-explanatory, must be completed by the plaintiff's attorney (or by the plaintiff if the plaintiff is not represented by an attorney). A separate cover sheet must be submitted to the clerk for each complaint filed.

Plaintiffs and Defendents. Give the names of the plaintiffs and defendants exactly as they appear on the complaint.

Attorneys. Give the names and addresses of the attorneys, if known.

Party. Check the most appropriate box in the first column for the plaintiffs and the second column for the defendants.

Demand. Enter the dollar amount being demanded in the complaint.

**Signature.** This cover sheet must be signed by the attorney of record in the box on the second page of the form. If the plaintiff is represented by a law firm, a member of the firm must sign. If the plaintiff is pro se, that is, not presented by an attorney, the plaintiff must sign.